

EXPEDITED DOMESTIC AND INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER ACIs

Facilities: An expedited annual compliance inspection (ACI) may be done for any domestic or industrial wastewater facility that discharges to surface water. This applies to compliance evaluation inspections (CEIs), compliance sampling inspections (CSIs) and compliance biomonitoring inspections (CBIs).

Forms: During an expedited ACI, it is not necessary to evaluate all areas listed on the ACI report. The extent of coverage should be based on the following guidelines.

Guidelines:

1. A review of the facility's file and self-reporting data should be conducted prior to the inspection. This will help the inspector to focus the inspection where attention is needed.
2. A walk-through of the plant and observation of the receiving stream is required for all expedited ACIs. An exception is allowed if the receiving stream is not reasonably accessible and the inspector provides an appropriate explanatory comment to that effect on the ACI report.
3. Process control checks, lift station inspections, laboratory inspections and records review are optional depending upon findings from the file review, self-reporting or self-monitoring review, and walk-through of the plant.
4. Field measurements, including flow, must be performed. A flow accuracy check must be done if there is operational flow indicating/recording equipment and no physical barriers or equipment conditions to prevent the accuracy check. If a flow accuracy check cannot be done, an explanation should be provided on the report. It is not acceptable to omit conducting a flow accuracy check due to the time involved in performing the procedure.
5. A sample of the effluent for laboratory analysis (grab sample at minimum) must be collected for every wastewater treatment plant that is discharging to surface water at the time of the ACI.
6. The expedited inspection must be documented using the established inspection report form for an ACI. Areas that were not observed should be marked "Not Evaluated." Questions should not be left blank.
7. The standard ACI letter formats should be used for expedited ACIs.
8. For FOD management purposes, an expedited ACI will count as an annual inspection, one that is scheduled to meet inspection commitments specified in the FOD Water Program Work Plan.